Amendment to the Specification:

On page 11, kindly replace Table 1 with the following new Table 1 which includes grid lines.

Table 1

	Comparison 2.A	Example 2.1
in the kneader mixed: Buna VSL 5025-1 (37,5 phr mineral oil extended L-SBR, Bayer AG)	61.9	61.9
natural rubber	10	10
polybutadiene rubber Buna CB 45 (Bayer)	45	0
carboxylic group containing BR according example 1 (20 phr oil content)	0	54
mineral oil Enerthene 1849-1 (BP)	20	11
silica Vulkasil S (Bayer AG)	70	70
silane Si (69 (Degussa Hüls)	6	6
carbon black Corax N121 (Degussa Hüls)	10	10
zinc oxide	3	3
stearic acid	1	1
protective wax Antilux 654 (Rheinchemie	1.5	1.5
antioxidant Vulkanox HS (Bayer AG)	1	1
antioxidant Vulkanox 4020 (Bayer AG)	1	1
On the mill admixed N-cyclohexylmercaptobenzthiazolsulfenamide Vulkacit CZ (Bayer AG)	1.8	1.8
diphenylguanidine Vulkacit D (Bayer AG)	2	2
sulfur	1.5	1.5
The rubber mixtures were subsequently vulcanized at 170°C for 15 minutes. The following vulcanisate properties were obtained.		

	Comparison 2.A	Example 2.1
tensile strength (Mpa)	16.8	18.2
elongation at break (%)	450	330
modulus at 100%	2.4	2.9
modulus at 300% elongation (Mpa)	9.5	16,3
rebound elasticity at 70°C (%)	54	63
hardness (shore A)	66	66
tan delta at 70°C	0.138	0.108